

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
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In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill to organize the Territory of "Okloham." Mr. Chandler introduced a bill creating a Bureau of Immigration, and providing regulations to insure the comfort and safety of immigrants while on shipboard and after they have disembarked. The Boston Relief Bill was taken up, and after considerable discussion, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Senate adjourned until Monday.

In the House of Representatives, the Internal Revenue bill was taken up, and the Senate amendments concurred in, except the one providing for twenty-five additional agents, which was rejected, and a Committee of Conference ordered. To-day has been devoted to speech-making.

The recent arrivals at New York of Italian emigrants, who were induced by false representations to come to this country, and then left in a destitute condition, has been called to the attention of the government by the Italian minister. The minister has extended to his countrymen all the aid in his power, and has sent several telegrams to his own government, communicating the circumstances. The Secretary of State has sent dispatches to the U. S. Minister to Italy, Mr. Marsh, directing him to suggest to the Italian government that all residents of that kingdom who contemplate emigrating to this country in the winter months, be counseled against doing it on mere representations, unless they have sufficient means to defray their expenses after arrival.

The congressional delegations from Virginia and West Virginia, accompanied by Col. Carrington, President of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company, called upon the President yesterday to thank him for the recommendation in his message of the project for tide water communication between the Ohio river and the mouth of the James river. The President, in reply, said he was much interested in seeing the work a success, and that he would exercise all influence he properly could to urge the subject upon the attention of Congress. If success was not secured at this time, he had no doubt but that the work would be carried through in the near future.

The defeat of the bill, in the House of Representatives, for the relief of William and Mary College, in Virginia, was stated in our report of the proceedings of the House. We need not say how much we regret this result. A large number of the Radicals had made up their minds to vote against the bill without regard to any amendment. In order to make the measure obnoxious to the Democrats Mr. Shanks, of Indiana, offered an amendment, which would compel the college authorities to open their doors to all, without regard to race, color or previous condition. It was manifest that the whole motive was to defeat the bill, and the object was accomplished.

The burning of old Greenway Court in Clarke county, (partial) an account of which was published in yesterday's Gazette, will be much regretted throughout the State. It is a place well known, and many historical associations are connected with it, especially in reference to the Fairfax family and Gen. Washington's early days.

Several well known gentlemen, representing Young Men's Christian Associations and other religious interests of the Eastern States, are now in Washington for the purpose of urging upon Congress such necessary legislation as will suffice to exclude from the mails all obscene pictures or literature, whether sealed or unsealed.

Gen. Howard, special Indian commissioner, has received a letter from Dr. Orr, the post surgeon at Camp Bowie, Arizona, dated November 23d, in which he states that Cochise is using every possible means to acquaint the people of his tribe that he is now at peace. Other tribes are being also acquainted with that fact.

The publisher of the Mountain Echo, in Arkansas, in stating that his paper has "ceased to be" pathetically, remarks as follows:—"We frankly admit that we dislike to make this announcement, but being convinced that there is no 'ground hog' in that hole, we are constrained to look elsewhere for meat."

Maj. John C. Moncreux, formerly of Stafford, has been elected speaker of the Fusion House of Delegates of the Louisiana Legislature, now in session at New Orleans.

The Port Tobacco Times says:—"We are glad to note some signs of improvement, which show that Port Tobacco is not yet quite a finished town."

We are indebted to Adjutant General Richardson for a pamphlet copy of his annual report, heretofore noticed by us.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—This morning as the mail train south on the Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, was approaching the station at the Delaware Junction, a young lady who was about to take the cars, ran across the track, and tripping fell immediately in front of the coming train, and in a second moment would have been crushed to death. A gentleman standing on the platform comprehending the situation of affairs, in an instant caught the imperiled creature by her long flowing hair, and literally dragged her from beneath the fire-flashed wheels, which were already clamped in the clutches of the patent air-break, which was promptly applied by the frightened engineer. The young lady, who was travelling alone, was soon conducted to a seat in the car, almost stupefied with fright, attracting the attention and sympathy of passengers till the train reached this city where she resides.—Baltimore, Am.

FROM RICHMOND.

REVISION OF THE TAX LAW.

RICHMOND, Dec. 13.—The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Second Auditor and the Treasurer, appointed to revise the laws for the assessment and collection of taxes, and to report to the General Assembly, have submitted their report, consisting of an assessment bill and a tax bill, with prefatory comments and suggestions. The report urges the equalization of taxes on land throughout the State according to the system which already obtains as to townships; strikes out "nephew and niece" from the exemptions from tax on collateral inheritances; recommends that dividends, interest, &c., be not taxed, as the property from which they are derived is sufficiently taxed in other ways; that paragraph 9, section 60 of the Assessment bill be repealed, as bankers and brokers are already taxed sufficiently high; that railroad, canal and other companies make their annual reports on or before the 1st of June, the reports to show the gross and net earnings for the twelve months preceding the 1st of February of each year; that persons who take out ordinary licenses shall not merely sell liquor, but shall provide lodging and entertainment for travellers; strikes out the five per cent. tax on liquor merchants, because the revenue derived from it is so inconsiderable, through fraud and various devices to evade it, &c., &c. "We cannot state in terms too strong our conviction of the impolicy of taxing capital any further than is necessary to meet the requirements of the constitution. We are a borrowing State, a State in debt, and should, by a liberal policy, invite capital, and not repel it by stringent and oppressive laws. We would deem it eminently wise, if consistent with the constitution, to exempt from taxation all capital that may be invested in the establishment of new manufactures, at least for a term of years. This policy has been pursued by some of the Northern States, particularly Pennsylvania, and the result has shown the wisdom of the course in the large increase of wealth and population which has followed its adoption."

The report further recommends that the assessment bill when perfected and passed into a law shall be regarded as permanent in so far as at least as not to require an annual revision, though the taxes imposed will, of course, be regulated to suit the necessities of the State in respect to the matter of revenue.

LEGISLATIVE.

In the Senate, to-day, a communication was received from the City Council of Richmond and referred, touching the removal of the penitentiary from its present site, and informing the Senate that the Council had passed a resolution instructing its representatives in the General Assembly to urge its removal.

Bills were reported to secure and provide for paying the railroad debts of counties, townships, cities and towns in Virginia; for the relief of the late sheriffs of the Commonwealth; for the relief of Wm. M. Buck; to repeal an act authorizing the supervisors of certain counties to impose a tax on dogs; providing for the selection of a site for a State reform school and the erection of suitable buildings; to amend the act prescribing the duties and compensation of county officers; and to amend the act in relation to the duties and compensation of certain township officers.

Bills were introduced to amend the code in relation to juries and the pay of jurors; and to amend the general election law.

The committee to whom was referred the bill to provide for the redistricting of the county of Fairfax into townships recommended that it do not pass, as it is already provided for.

The bill authorizing the formation of sub-school districts in the counties of Loudoun and Jefferson townships, in the county of Loudoun, and for the relief of the late sheriffs of the Commonwealth, for the relief of Wm. M. Buck; to repeal an act authorizing the supervisors of certain counties to impose a tax on dogs; providing for the selection of a site for a State reform school and the erection of suitable buildings; to amend the act prescribing the duties and compensation of county officers; and to amend the act in relation to the duties and compensation of certain township officers.

The bill declaring valid the assessment of real estate and the collection of taxes on the same, under the act in force January 24th, 1872, was read a third time.

Bills to amend the code in regard to judgments by motion against officers and their sureties; and to amend the code in reference to the protest of notes were ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee on Courts of Justice was instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the code as to confer on the county and corporation courts the like power of appointing trustees for religious and benevolent associations as is now vested in the circuit courts.

The Auditor was requested to inform the Senate what steps have been taken by him to enforce the fines against clerks who have failed to furnish the clerk of the House of Delegates with reports as required by section 22, of chapter 1st of the code.

Mr. Herndon presented the petition of John L. Goolrick and other members of the Frederickburg bar, in regard to the codification of the laws of the Commonwealth.

Senate bill to amend the act imposing taxes for the support of the government and free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, was amended and passed.

In the House of Delegates a bill was reported to amend the code in relation to marriages, births and deaths.

An attempt was made by a Radical member to have colored ministers invited to open the House with prayer, but it failed.

Mr. Neale, of Alexandria, stated that had he been present when the vote was taken on the repeal of the dog tax, he would have voted in the affirmative.

House bill to provide artificial limbs, &c., was amended and ordered to a third reading. The bill to incorporate the town of New Market, Shenandoah county, was ordered to be engrossed.

A resolution was introduced extending the time for the collection of taxes and county and township levies for the year 1872.

Mr. Neale, of Alexandria, introduced a resolution looking to the expediency of so amending the laws as to allow township collectors to collect all moneys for township purposes.

A resolution as to the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, so as to allow them to act on claims not to exceed \$100, &c., was referred.

Mr. Wall, of Frederick, presented a petition of citizens of Frederick county for a survey to define the boundary line between that county and Shenandoah county, Va., and Hardy county, W. Va.

A resolution as to the expediency of more certainly prescribing the compensation of township collectors when appointed by the judge of the county court was referred.

Bills were introduced to protect farmers and others from embezzlement by commission merchants and others; to regulate the fees of sheriffs; to amend the code in relation to interest; to amend the code in relation to time of meeting of the General Assembly.

A number of bills were ordered to a third reading.

THE FUNDING BILL.

As telegraphed to the Gazette, the Court of Appeals has sustained the legality of the Funding bill, and decided that the coupon issue under the provisions of that act are receivable for taxes, notwithstanding the legislation of the last session to the contrary. Judge Bouldin delivered the opinion of the Court, Judges Anderson and Christian concurring. Judge Staples dissented, and read an able argument in support of his views. Judge Moncreux declined to sit, in the cases, on account of being interested, but after the decision was announced, volunteered the statement, that he would have concurred with Judge Bouldin. The opinion was not unexpected, and it now remains to be seen what action the Legislature will take in the premises. That the State will repudiate her debt, notwithstanding there are advocates for such a step, cannot, it is thought, be seriously entertained, but when it comes to increasing the rate of taxation, which will, in all probability, have to be done, there will be "trouble."

THE LOBBY.

There are a considerable number of lobbyists here, interested in various schemes—principally railroad. In the better days of the Commonwealth nothing of the sort would have been tolerated.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ITEMS.—William Appleby, a colored boy about fourteen years of age, who burned the house of Mr. Isaac P. Baldwin, one night during the past summer, was tried for arson at the December term of the county court, and sentenced by Judge Nicol to be hung. The jury first brought in a verdict of guilty, and put the punishment at seven years in the penitentiary. This, the court informed the jury, was not in accordance with law. Judge Nicol said if the jury found the prisoner guilty, as charged in the indictment, the punishment was death. The verdict was afterwards changed, and the prisoner sentenced. A petition, we understand, was presented, to be signed by the court, asking the Governor to commute the punishment to ten years in the penitentiary. The boy is a small youth and evidently did not understand the enormity of his crime.

Michael Lauchheimer, a junk dealer of Alexandria, was before the county court last week, charged by Philip Weinburg with buying junk materials of merchants of Manassas, without a license. The jury found him guilty, with a fine of \$50. The judge set their verdict aside, stating that the evidence did not warrant it, and advising them to go back and bring in a verdict of not guilty, which they did. Meantime, Lauchheimer, not liking the aspect of affairs, made himself scarce, and soon put several miles between him and the scene of his prosecution. A few days afterwards he was heard of in Alexandria, inquiring for Mr. Weinburg, saying he would like to "put a head on him."

The meeting of the Manassas Agricultural Club was held last week, when the subject of the horse disease was discussed and Mr. A. J. Pine made an interesting report, in writing, upon the Horse, Foal, Weir, Burdick and others. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Isaac L. N. Hazen; Vice-Presidents, Richard M. Weir, Jonas Greene, Wilmer McLean, Samuel Wolvorton, and George W. Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, George C. Round; Recording Secretary, Luther D. C. Banner; Treasurer, C. A. Snowball.

A married man residing near this place was before Justice Butler on Thursday last, on the charge of adultery, and an attempt to commit abortion. The young woman who makes the charge is about sixteen years of age, and a beautiful girl. She was accompanied to the magistrate's office by her father and mother. By request of the accused the case was postponed for a further hearing. Both parties are from the North. The accused was held to bail in the sum of \$200 in each case.

The meeting held a few nights since, to consider the propriety of asking the legislature to incorporate the village of Manassas, appointed the following gentlemen as a committee to digest and prepare a plan of incorporation: Richard M. Weir, Benj. D. Merchant, George C. Round, Francis J. Cannon, and Charles L. Hyson. These gentlemen were authorized to call the citizens together whenever prepared to report.

The following claims from Prince William county have been allowed by the "Southern Claims Commission": Thomas Gaskins, \$410; Charles J. Howard, \$114; Mary Ives, \$3,313; George Perkins, \$1,225; Perez Richmond, \$100; Bailey Robertson, \$292; M. M. Roseberry, \$5,269; Warren Stokes, \$125; James Robinson, \$1,259; Sidney F. Teasdale, \$25; Samuel Wolvorton, \$90.

Work has been resumed on the Public School House No. 1, which the trustees have very appropriately named after the energetic Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, Dr. W. H. Ruffner. Miss Lizzie Chamberlain, who has been very successful as a teacher in Dunfries, has been engaged to take charge of the school for the present.

Luther L. Lynn, one of the most useful and highly respected citizens of our county, died at his residence near Haymarket on Sunday night, December 1st, after a long sickness, in about the fiftieth year of his age.

On Wednesday morning last, the air for an hour or more, was filled with fine particles resembling frost, which glistening in the sunshine presented a singular appearance.—Manassas Gazette.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., ITEMS.—Mr. R. N. Darnall died on Sunday last from the effects of the accidental discharge of his gun, the load from which took effect in his shoulder and arm, both of which were terribly shattered. Amputation was performed by Dr. May of Washington, but he lingered only a short time before death relieved his agony.

The deceased was a most estimable man and enjoyed a well deserved popularity throughout the county.

An interesting daughter of Mr. William Day, who resides on the farm of Judge Hill, a few miles from this place, aged only about six years, was shockingly burned on Tuesday last. The little one was standing before the fire at home, when the flames caught to her dress, and the efforts of her mother, who was present at the time, only succeeded in saving her life. The child was still alive at last accounts but suffering intensely, and the mother's hands were so severely burned as to render her nearly helpless.

The old dwelling of John W. Burroughs, esq., Nottingham District, situated on the plantation adjoining that of his residence, took fire on Sunday last and was entirely destroyed. It was quite a large and comfortable building, and if not insured will be quite a serious loss. The cause of the fire is attributed to accident.

The 10th of December has come and gone but as yet we have no through trains to Pope's Creek. Our friends down the line must not despair, for we think the cars will certainly be running to them by the 1st of January.

With the disappearance of the horse disease the contractor has commenced carrying the mails between Washington and this point by stage.—Marlboro', Prince Georges.

CLIFTON.—The fine residence, formerly owned by Oscar Vezin, near this place, was burned to the ground on Wednesday morning the 4th instant. W. A. Staples, of Amherst, Va., had moved into it the evening before with his family, but fortunately had not unpacked his furniture, and escaped without loss. The fire originated from a spark which ignited the wooden roof. The house cost \$3,200, and is reported to be insured.

Henry D. Rice, late of Berks station, has entered into partnership with Dr. Makeley under the firm name of Makeley & Rice. Mr. Rice is one of the most popular young men of his section, and with Mr. Makeley, a thoroughgoing business man, will no doubt run a large trade.

Mr. James W. Ashford, late of Fairfax, has purchased property at Clifton, where he will conduct contracting and building in all its branches.

The village continues to grow, and is getting to be quite a place of resort for summer boarders.—Manassas Gazette.

Secretary Delano has gone to Cuba.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The House committee on foreign affairs, will on Tuesday next, report a bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars towards defraying the expenses attending the exposition of United States productions at the Vienna World's Fair. This amount is regarded as insufficient for the purpose, \$240,000 having been appropriated for the Paris International Exposition, therefore a motion to amend may be made in the Senate. There seems to be no doubt that two national ships will be detailed to carry American productions to Vienna.

Persons interested in the Alabama claims find that the bill for the adjustment of these claims that has been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Morton, and in the House by General Banks, was not prepared at the State Department, as was at first supposed, and this has raised a somewhat anxious inquiry among them, or some of them, whether the bill thus presented may not be designed for the benefit of a particular class of the claimants to the disadvantage of others.

Five pilots left Smithville, on Albemarle Sound, thirty miles from Wilmington, on Thursday morning for the purpose of boarding three vessels that were coming in. After getting well out at sea their boat suddenly disappeared. The vessels came in without them. A United States revenue cutter went to look after them, but up to yesterday evening they had not been found, and the search has been abandoned.

The Select Committee on Naval Affairs have reported a substitute for the House bill to construct six new ships-of-war. The substitute provides for ten new vessels instead of six, to be of any class or size that the Secretary may determine, to carry six or more guns, and to be constructed in either the navy yards or private shops, as the Secretary may determine.

In the Committee of Thirty of the French National Assembly, yesterday, Barthe, Republican, submitted a proposition for the formation of a separate legislative body, to be called the Section of Control. It is to consist of two hundred members, who shall be chosen by lot from the present Assembly, and will be empowered to reject laws passed by it.

The Attorney General, by direction of the President, has telegraphed to Colonel McHenry that a visit to the President of one hundred citizens from New Orleans in reference to the conflict of authority in Louisiana would be unavailing as the Executive had fully made up his decision and would not change it.

The National Commercial Convention was again in session a large portion of the day, at St. Louis yesterday. Much business of an interesting and important character was considered. The next annual session of the body will take place in September, of 1873, at Pittsburgh.

It seems to be thought in Paris that the Right will move to-day that the Assembly do not dissolve until the territory of France is entirely freed from foreign occupation, and will follow this up with a resolution declaring that the members of the Left are responsible for the present agitation.

A Brussels dispatch says that a freshet in the river Sambre caused the sudden flooding of a coal mine near Charleroi. The accident occurred while the miners were at work, and many were drowned. The river Seine was rising last night, and inundations were threatened. The Loire was also rapidly rising.

The cable brings a rumor to the effect that Bismarck is about to resign the Presidency of the Prussian Council of Ministers, and devote himself entirely to his duties as Chancellor of the German Empire.

The House Judiciary Committee yesterday had under consideration the bill increasing the salary of the President to \$50,000 per annum, and will report favorably on it to the House.

J. S. Walls, member of Congress from Florida, yesterday received a telegram to the effect that Judge O. B. Hart, together with the entire Radical State ticket of that State, have been declared elected by the State Canvassers.

The South Branch bridge, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which broke through on Wednesday night with a train of coal cars, has been repaired.

The New York News announces the death of Folger P. Lovegrove, formerly from Baltimore, resulting from having been knocked down by a street-car in New York.

William J. Beverly, late Mayor of Elliott City, Md., died suddenly on Wednesday morning last.

Minister Schenck has been on a tour to Southern Europe. He is expected in London in a few days.

FARMERS CLUB.—Messrs. R. A. Gray, A. Pollock, M. B. Pollock, J. B. Gray and Thos. W. Franklin met at "Eastwood," in Stafford county, on the 30th ultimo, for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural or Farmers Club. Mr. A. Pollock was called to the chair, and Thos. W. Franklin, secretary. A Constitution and by-laws were submitted, read and adopted; after which the following gentlemen were elected officers of the Club: President, R. A. Gray; Vice-President, J. G. Pollock; Secretary, Thos. W. Franklin; Treasurer, A. Pollock.

Messrs. J. M. Luck and W. Strother were elected members of the Club. On motion of Mr. J. B. Gray, the Club determined to meet on the first and third Fridays of November, December, January and February, and only once a month (Fridays) during the rest of the year. There will be a meeting of the Club at "Kumford," on Friday, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock, m.—Fredericksburg Star.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Wanted to know why the fare from Washington to Alexandria being fifteen cents on the B. & P. R. R. the passengers coming down on the W. & O. R. R. have to pay, (buying tickets) twenty-five cents from the junction to Washington. Also, wanted to know why, the regular fare being fifteen cents, through passengers on the O. & A. or B. & P. Railroads have to pay a fare of fifteen cents between Washington and Alexandria. Also, wanted to know, why the morning train from Leesburg on the W. & O. R. R. cannot get in ten minutes earlier and connect with the morning train South on the O. & A. & M. R. R. and thus save travellers a days time and facilitate business.

HOLLYWOOD.

The display of fire works in front of Mr. Green's store, on King street, last night, was very pretty, and creditable to the taste and liberality of the proprietor. But, the sport is too dangerous—especially if it is followed up by boys in the street. We are sure that this hint will be enough. PROPERTY OWNERS.

WANTED.—The ladies of Alexandria to call at room 132 Mansion House, commencing December 16, and see

PARISIAN FORMULA.—Dresses cut and basted; perfect fits warranted without trying on. Our engagements prevent our remaining in the city more than three days. Agents wanted. dec 12-31

GUNS—Double and single-barrelled—for sale low by [dec 11] CARLIN & SONS.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Thomas N. Ashby, the Secretary of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad placed upon the records of Page county Court, a few days since, a mortgage for \$2,750,000, which conveys the road bed, franchises, and other effects of the company to Edgar A. Thompson, trustee, to secure the payment of the above amount of first mortgage bonds to the company, which will be put on the market to raise money to equip the road.

The Richmond State Journal says:—"At the annual meeting for choice of directors of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, recently, Colonel N. G. Ordway, Sergeant-at-Arms United States House of Representatives, was elected one of the directors in the corporation, and it is understood that Col. Ordway and some Eastern gentlemen contemplate taking hold of some important improvements in Virginia."

A woman, in Richmond, named Margaret Doyle, aged sixty, committed suicide on Wednesday night by jumping in the river, at the wharf of the Powhatan Steamboat Company. Efforts were made to save her, but without success. The deceased lived unhappily with her husband, and probably resolved upon self destruction in a fit of anger, caused by his unkind treatment.

The Norfolk Journal reports the defalcation of Capt. Robert T. Guion, ex-collector of that city, to an amount varying from twenty to forty thousand dollars. Capt. G. left Norfolk on the 27th of November last, giving out that he was going to Washington to secure an office, but it is supposed that he has either gone to Cuba or California.

E. B. Newbern, formerly of Richmond, for whose arrest the Governor recently made a requisition upon the authorities of the State of New York, appeared in the police court of Richmond, yesterday morning and voluntarily surrendered himself, and is now in custody. The specific charge against him is the stealing of \$400 from the person of A. R. Holliday.

The Annapolis Enterprise says:—"John H. Christian, on the sunny face of Scott's mountain, has just sold his wheat for \$1.70 per bushel. He made 218 bushels from 15 bushels sowed. Last year he made 170 bushels, and the year before 226 bushels, from the same sowing of 15 bushels per annum."

The Legislative Committee, appointed for the purpose, have written to the States of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Tennessee, for information, as to the results of the leasing out of the penitentiaries in those States.

Col. Rucker, proprietor of the Orange House, at Lynchburg, recently burned there, has erected a tent in front of the Orange railroad ticket office, and will, in a few days be prepared to accommodate the public with refreshments.

The store house occupied by Mr. J. W. Burch, at Medium's River, in Albemarle county, was accidentally fired and entirely consumed on Monday night, destroying Mr. B's entire stock of goods, valued at \$2,000. No insurance.

It is estimated that the large steam flouring mill, now being erected at the depot in Winchester, by the Baker Brothers, will have cost, when completed, between \$40,000 and \$50,000. It will soon be under roof.

The State Bank of Virginia, at Richmond, will lose but little by the late defalcation of its teller, J. M. Goddin, the cashier, has resigned his situation, and Wm. M. Hill has been elected cashier in his place.

The President of the Senate has issued his writ for a special election in Fauquier and Rappahannock counties, on the 27th inst., to fill the vacancy in the Senate, occasioned by the resignation of Thos. N. Latham, esp.

The Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Blacksburg, Montgomery county, has eighty-eight students, and the number is rapidly increasing, no less than ten new students having arrived last week.

Two deer were killed in the Massanutten mountains on last Thursday, before breakfast, by Messrs. Smith and Miller. The mountains west of Luray abound in this valuable game.

Seven car loads of cattle were shipped to the Northern markets on Thursday, from Lynchburg, by way of the Orange and Alexandria railroad.

Jonathan T. Cowherd, one of the best-known citizens of Louisa county, died suddenly last Saturday morning of congestion of the lungs, at the age of seventy-six.

Some incendiary, several nights since, fired the fodder stack of Mr. Abr. Liskey, near Harrisonburg, by which his whole supply of rough feed was consumed.

A Convention of the farmers of Southwest Virginia, to embrace Lynchburg, and all of the counties west, is called to meet in Wytheville on Thursday, the 23d of January, 1873.

The horse malady is disappearing from Orange county. There were a good many cases, but no deaths.

The McCaw warehouse at the depot, in Winchester, has been sold to Mr. Snouffer for \$2,300, equivalent to cash.

The Wytheville Enterprise says the dogs have fairly inaugurated the winter campaign in the matter of sheep-killing.

The shafts of Church Hill tunnel, in Richmond, were united yesterday, and there is now daylight through the tunnel.

Religious revivals continue at Norfolk, Staunton, and other places in Virginia.

Richmond is crowded with strangers.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Dec. 14.—Wheat is very active and firm, and prices may be quoted 25c better; offerings of 130 bushels white and 156c of red, with sales of the former at 172 for fair, 190 for very good, and 200 for choice, and of the latter at 175, 176 and 180 for medium, 185, 187 and 190 for very good, and 195 and 196 for prime. Corn is steady; offerings of 74 bushels white and 610 of red, with sales of the former at 96 for old, and of the latter at 99 and 61 for new. Rye is firm; offerings of 108 bushels, with sales at 95 3/8 and 100. Oats are unchanged; offerings of 120 bushels; no sales reported.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 14. SUN RISE..... 7.11 (MOON RISE)..... 7.00 SUN SET..... 4.39

ARRIVED. Steamship E. C. Knight, New York, to Hooe & Johnston. Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F. A. Road.

Steamer Georganna, to Hooe & Johnston. She will sail on Monday, at 1 o'clock, for Baltimore.

BELMONT PEACHES. FRESH PEACHES. (Gained in White & Yrup.) are now on sale by the Grocers, generally, in Alexandria.

GEO. H. ROBINSON & SON, dec 13-2w Wholesale Agents for R. Lloyd. WE ARE selling in large quantities HAY which assists much in the cure of the Epizootic. A. WALL, nov 19-1m 201 King street.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Alexandria, Va., Postoffice, December 14, 1872. Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, in Washington.

Brown, Miss Eliza	Magnus, F.
Brown, L. M.	Miller, D. L.
Campbell, Amos	Mason & Morris,
Crofts, Mrs. Kate	Napper, Henry
Coleman, Andrew	Quarrels, Henry, col
Diggs, Virginia	Pain, Thos. W.
Drick, Mrs. Sarah J.	Payton, Lewis
Davis, Mrs. Nannie	Pearson, Mrs. Elizabeth